

Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



NOW WHAT?

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SOME NOTES TO HELP YOU PARTICIPATE FULLY IN WORSHIP:

The * symbol indicates to Rise in Body or Spirit.

We encourage worshippers of all ages to participate in the sanctuary. There are quiet toys and supplemental activities for young people in our balcony, and a nursery available for those ages 3 or younger.

Hearing assistive devices are available in a bin to the left of the main sanctuary doors.

Notes about the Worship Series: Road signs help us; they give information to drivers, they tell us different ways to go, give us warnings, show us where there are hazards, etc. Just as road signs give us necessary information as we drive, the Bible is full of God's Road signs to guide us through life's journey. But knowing the direction sometimes is not enough, We need to know "now what?" What do I do when I don't know what to do or where do I go when I don't know which direction to go? Come journey with us throughout the next twelve weeks during the Harvest Season as we travel down God's Road and follow the signs to "Now What?" More resources are available at cpcstatesville.org/nowwhat

Upcoming Volunteers

NOVEMBER 24 LITURGIST Liz Setser

NOVEMBER 24 FELLOWSHIP Primeria Inglesia

NOVEMBER ELDER Joyce Ervin

WELCOME

*HYMN

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

#824

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

One: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children, let us acknowledge how we have not lived into who God would have us to be.

*HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

#695

sing one time through in english,
second time spanish

Almighty God, we confess we often look at ideas over people. We have lost the humanity of others and lost our own humanity in the process. We have looked inward with self-preservation rather than outward with empathy.

As you have taught, we are nothing without each other. As we stumble to see others as brothers and sisters, fill us with your gathering spirit, so we might remember we are a community bound in love for you and for each other.

*HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

#695

sing one time through in english,
second time spanish

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN

Glory to God

#585

sing one time through each section
in english, second time spanish

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO GOD

*AS A THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL PEOPLE, WE PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS
FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS OF GOD. WE TAKE THIS TIME TO NOTICE
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR LIFE, AND TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN
OPEN OURSELVES UP TO THE SERVICE OF GOD USING OUR TIME,
TALENT, AND TREASURE.*

*Ways to Donate your Time and Talent are
found in the back of this bulletin*



MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT:

- in the offering plates in the back
- Online at concordpreschurch.com
or the QR code to the left

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM
1 CORINTHIANS 13

We believe love is patient and kind; it is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth;

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. And though we live in a world that often tells us these attributes are weakness, we reject that lie.

Love is the source of our greatest strength as God's people. We believe in Christ's name, faith, hope, and love abide; and the greatest of these is love.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

1 KINGS 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, how he had killed all Baal's prophets with the sword. 2 Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with this message: "May the gods do whatever they want to me if by this time tomorrow I haven't made your life like the life of one of them."

3 Elijah was terrified. He got up and ran for his life. He arrived at Beer-sheba in Judah and left his assistant there.

4 He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush.

He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush. Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. The Lord's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The Lord's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!

The Lord said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the

stones before the Lord. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn't in the earthquake

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He said, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The Lord said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

RESPONSE *God is doing something wonderful*

Prayer of the People

*HYMN *Nothing Can Trouble* #820

Sing one time in English, second time Spanish

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *Nothing Can Trouble* #820

Sing one time in English, second time Spanish

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

RESPONSE Jay Rouse

Gonna Lay My Burden Down

Concord Choir

BLESSINGS

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
KEEP ALERT AND STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH.

***HERMANOS Y HERMANAS,
MANTÉNGANESE ALERTAS Y FIRMES EN LA FE.***

BE COURAGEOUS AND STRONG
TENGAN VALOR Y FIRMEZA.

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.
TODO LO QUE HAGAN, HÁGANLO CON AMOR.

STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF HEART,
ANIMEN A QUIENES ESTÁN DESANIMADOS,

SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE WEEK,
ANIMEN A QUIENES ESTÁN DÉBILES,

AND HAVE PATIENCE WITH EVERYONE.
Y TENGAN PACIENCIA CON TODO EL MUNDO.

*HYMN

We are the Body of Christ

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE GRAPEVINE

Week of November 17 2024

NOVEMBER 24

10:30AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:45AM

LUNCH WITH
PRIMERIA IGLESIA

4:30PM

YOUTH GROUP

NOVEMBER 25 - 28

PASTOR LIZ ON VACATION

NOVEMBER 28

OFFICE CLOSED
FOR THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 1

10:00 AM

HANGING OF THE
GREENS WORSHIP

December 20&21

Save
the
date

Project Christmas is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of 12/20 and 21. If you have any input on those dates, please let a member of the Advent/Christmas Team (Eric Millsaps, John Ervin, Liz Setser, Jeremy Troyer) know.



FOOD PANTRY

wish list

November

PAPER TOWELS TOILET PAPER CLEANING SUPPLIES
PEANUT BUTTER JELLY CRACKERS
CEREAL SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR AND FLOUR

SPAM OR TREAT SNACK ITEMS FRUIT COCKTAIL
POPTARTS CHEF BOY R DEE KNORR SIDES

next collection:

12/15

CAKE MIX AND
ICING

SMALL TURKEYS OR HAMS
FOR THANKSGIVING



DECEMBER 4

2:00-6:30PM

Red Cross Blood Drive

CPCSTATESVILLE.ORG/EVENT

COLLEGE

student goodie bag

In support of our college students, the Women of the Church would like to invite you to join us in collecting goodies/snacks for our college students.

(If you have a college student, please let Joyce Ervin know. We don't want to leave anyone out.)

Please bring your items to church by November 24th. There is be a box marked "Goodies for College Students" in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Caroling Downtown 12/6; 5:45pm

Join with the Advent Team in spreading the joy of the season as we sing to passersby during the Christmas Celebration downtown.

Singing not your thing?

We will also be passing out candy canes and postcards advertising our Project Christmas offering later in the month.

Questions? Ask a member of the Advent Team.



A Word from Session

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The church is going to begin a music-based afterschool program geared toward helping children who would normally be alone at home after school, possibly with little to no food in the house. They will come to the church and be given snacks, have playtime, and help with homework if needed. The parents will pick them up after work. Hopefully, this will provide a safe and secure environment that the kids might not otherwise have available. A director for the program will added to the church staff and will be expected to work out the details of the program. The expected implementation of the program would begin with the 2025 – 2026 school year.

There are lots of questions to be answered - like Is it going to work? Maybe. If not, then the program may offer a new path that can be followed. It's about moving the church forward, trying something new, opening our doors to more people in our community and, hopefully, growing attendance numbers by welcoming new families into CPC. It's just a small change. It won't hurt too bad and can be a real benefit to others, and allows to more fully live into our church values of being a welcome place for all people.

- Elder Paul Woodard on behalf of Session

Youth and Children Ministry Updates!



Sunday Fellowship is open to
anyone Kindergarten through
Senior in High School.

NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 1 - NO YOUTH

DECEMBER 8 - CHRISTMAS CAROLING

DECEMBER 15 - THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

DECEMBER 21 - CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

We need help with dinner next semester.
Please look at your calendar and see when
you might be able to help!

Go to: cpcstatesville.org/youth to sign-up

**Subscribe to the
Youth Calendar
and Messaging:**



or stay up-to-date
at
[cpcstatesville.org/
youth](http://cpcstatesville.org/youth)

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

Christ the King Sunday, officially called the “Feast of Christ the King” is also referred to as ‘the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe’ is a feast day that celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe.

The feast was originally celebrated on the final day of October, the day before All Saints’ Day. Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent in 1969 to highlight the day’s importance. This would fall in November. Churches that use the Revised Common Lectionary honor ‘Christ the King Sunday’ as the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This includes most major mainline Protestant groups.

One of the reasons this date is so fitting is because the liturgical year begins with Advent, which is the season of awaiting the coming of Christ. Observing Christ the King Sunday at the end of the liturgical year celebrates and emphasizes the Kingship of Christ.

The first Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This feast day was in response to the increasing denial of Christ as king and the rise of secularism throughout Europe. This was also a time when dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. As Pope Pius and other faithful Christians began to see the respect and reverence for Christ’s authority diminishing, this feast was put in place to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus.

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Parable of the Good Samaritan

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



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JESUS	JERUSALEM	PRIEST	BEAT	CLOTHES
EXPERT	STRIPPED	HEART	PITY	ETERNAL
LEVITE	LIFE	ROBBERS	SAMARITAN	TEST
LAW	INHERIT	SOUL	MIND	DEAD
MERCY	JERICO	LOVE	STRENGTH	NEIGHBOR

OUR LEADERSHIP

CLASS OF 2024

JOHN ERVIN
ERIC MILLSAPS
SALLY WARREN

CLASS OF 2025

TIM DONNELLY
JOYCE ERVIN
DELLA KINNEY
THOMAS SETSER

CLASS OF 2026

CHRIS HARRIS
PAUL WOODARD

HARVEST SEASON TEAM

TIM DONNELLY

JOHN & JOYCE
ERVIN

DELLA KINNEY

OUR TEAM

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Elizabeth Dobson | Music Director

Melissa Donnelly | Pianist

Samantha Dudley | Caretaker

OUR VALUES

- Welcome and include all people, no matter their life circumstances.
- Empower all people to find and use their God-given gifts.
- Live lives of service to those outside our walls.

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